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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

OHKATA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1724

Application No.: 09/717,512

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING ORGANIC CHLORINE  
COMPOUNDS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 31, 2001

Sir:

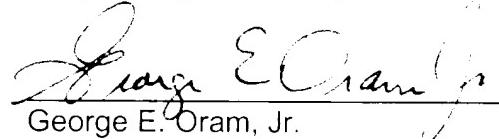
In response to the official Office Action dated August 3, 2001, the Applicants hereby elect to have further prosecution in this application be given on the invention of Group I, drawn to a particular water treatment method, currently claimed in claims 1-14.

The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, an early examination and a favorable action on the merits on claims 1-14 are respectfully requested.

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